GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ROLE OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL IN SOUTH ASIAN REGION
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;PRABHA RAU;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Secretary-General has been urged by certain countries to actively involve himself in resolving the prevailing tension in the sub-continent particularly between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether he is engaged in any manner to find solution to the problems of terrorism being faced by India from Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by the UN Secretary-General in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH

(a) - (c) The tensions between India and Pakistan in the recent months, arising out of Pakistan`s support to cross-border terrorism are issues on which the UN Secretary-General (UNSG) has expressed his concerns. In this framework, the UNSG has reiterated his condemnation of all acts of terrorism and has indicated that there can be no tolerance for such acts especially across the Line of Control in Kashmir. In statements the UNSG has also urged the President of Pakistan to take vigorous action to ensure full implementation of the policy set out in his speech of January 12, 2002.